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HSBC and a clothes shop now set to close

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THE face of Haverhill High Street is set to change, as a bank is closing its doors and a clothes shop may be replaced with a tea room.

HSBC at 33 High Street will be shutting its doors on October 16 this year.

A spokesman for the bank said: "We never take the decision to close a branch lightly, and we understand it may be unsettling for the local community. Unfortunately, use of the Haverhill branch has fallen significantly over the past few years, and we've taken the difficult decision to close it."

"We are working with customers who use the branch to help them understand their options, which include being able to use the Haverhill post office to check their balance and withdraw and pay in cash and cheques to their HSBC account. We're working with our employees who work in the branch to find them a role in the local area."

Residents have voiced their anger at the decision to close a bank in an expanding town.

Haverhill town clerk Colin Poole



said: "We are a town that's expanding and sucking in extra investment and a bank says that's a good moment to leave. It would suggest a quite blunt 'chop chop chop' approach without looking at what you are doing."

A resident who did not wish to be named said: "The Haverhill branch had already had many of the services they originally used to offer

taken away, but I liked the staff and continued to use it."

"I have been a customer since 1984 when it was Midland Bank."

"Three generations of my family bank there. Well, not any longer – I shall show them how I feel by switching and shall encourage my family to do the same."

Men's designer clothes shop Zeiss in Queen Street is holding a closing



CLOSING: Zeiss in Queen Street and HSBC on the High Street

down sale.

Proprietor Paul Farrant, who has been running the shop for over 20 years, said it was getting increasingly difficult to make the business profitable.

He said: "It's too hard because it's a fashion shop and we can't turn it round quick enough. We obviously need turnover."

He went on: "People do moan

and say the town's falling to bits, but if they don't support it the whole place will close down."

"The council need to get their finger out and create a bit of buzz in the town."

Mr Farrant is hoping to open a "vintage tea room" on the premises and has submitted a change of use planning application to the borough council.

The application was submitted in June, and will be considered by St Edmundsbury Borough Council in August.

If it is approved, the tea room could be open before Christmas.

Mr Farrant said: "I'm a bit sad because we have been doing this a long time, but I'm excited to start a new venture."

"Maybe at the cafe we will get a wider audience."

Ali Yagir, who runs the nearby Starburger cafe in Queen Street, said: "I think it would be good competition for us. It will be Queen Cafe Street."

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CRIME

Appeal after roof lead theft



TARGETED: St Peter's Church in Little Thurlow



POLICE are asking for residents to be on the alert after two churches had lead stolen from their roofs.

St Peter's Church in Little Thurlow had a large amount of lead stolen from its roof between 6pm on Wednesday, July 15 and 8am on Thursday, July 16.

The Reverend Derek Hollis, rector of St Mary's and seven other churches in the area, said: "I am given to understand that somebody locally was out walking their dog, and they happened to notice that there was a fence post that had been knocked over and was lying flat on the ground."

"They looked up at the church and thought 'Ah, there's a lot of lead missing from the roof', and they took it up with the police."

Rev Hollis thanked the Thurlow Estate Office, who he said have waterproofed the roof with plastic sheeting until it is permanently repaired.

He went on: "It will be months. We should be lucky if we can get it done by the winter."

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As a result of these incidents, police are asking local residents to be vigilant when passing churches, particularly in the rural areas around Haverhill.

PCSO Lorna Chapman of Haverhill Police gave this advice: "Please keep your eyes wide open when passing local churches. Report any suspicious activity, whether the people are wearing high vis or not. Take down registration numbers and the make and model of

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"There's little point in putting lead straight back on. We know of churches where thieves have been coming back several times. They regard it as a harvest. So we are looking at alternatives to lead."

Since the Thurlow theft was reported, St Mary's Church in Hawketon discovered on July 25 that it had also had lead stolen from the roof.

The lead, worth £500, was taken sometime after May 1.

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the vehicles.

"Even if it's people genuinely working on the roof, we would rather find them than miss a crime. Get as much detail as possible."

Rev Hollis also encouraged members of the public to report anything unusual. He said: "We are very grateful to anybody who happens to be passing any of our churches and notices anything unusual. We are grateful that somebody takes the time to call in."

His benefit, called Stourhead, also includes churches in Kedington, Barnardiston, Great and Little Bradley and Great and Little Wrating.

Call Haverhill police on 101 to report anything suspicious regarding a church or if you have information about the recent thefts.

To talk about the Thurlow theft, ask for Sgt Gilbert and quote crime reference number HH/15/1752.

To talk about the Hawketon theft, ask for PC Wright and quote crime reference number HH/15/1858.

If you think a crime is in progress, always call 999.

PETS

Charity offers free neutering for cats

A CHARITY is urging residents to take advantage of free neutering for their cats.

The Haverhill and Stour Valley branch of Cats Protection has launched a scheme in which it covers the cost of neutering, for

male or female cats, in full.

One of the main aims of the campaign is to get more female cats neutered to prevent the birth of unwanted kittens.

Maria Connolly, branch co-ordinator, said: "Female cats who aren't neutered lead a

miserable life, all the time producing litter after litter. It actually cuts the life of the female cat short."

To have your cat neutered, email contactcats1@gmail.com, call 01440 535 131 or visit www.cats.org.uk/stourvalley.

YOUTH

Careers app and website will help young people

A WEBSITE and app will help young people learn about fulfilling careers in Suffolk.

The county council will be working in partnership with the Mason Trust to create the website, which will give information about

what local businesses do, what working for them is like and the career opportunities that exist.

It will be developed over the coming months, and officially launched at the Suffolk Show on October 21.

Cllr Lisa Chambers of Suffolk County Council said: "The new website and app will help our local businesses to directly communicate with young people about the many fantastic career opportunities that exist in our region, including work

experience and apprenticeship opportunities.

"The app, in particular, will ensure that young people are kept up to date with career opportunities in areas that are of interest to them."

Family fun as Stanley turns 90

A GREAT-great-grandfather celebrated his 90th birthday last week – surrounded by five generations of family.

Stanley Waddingham, who lives in Balsham, turned 90 on July 26, and his family held a garden party to celebrate.

Mr Waddingham lived in Cambridge and Wales before moving to Balsham, and fought in the Second World War.

His great granddaughter Natasha Brangwin said: "He's very old! He loves being around children, and listening to them, as his sight's going."

Mr Waddingham is father to one, grandfather to two, great-grandfather to eight, and has seven great-great-grandchildren.



COMMUNITY

Have a say on sport facilities

THE town council is on the hunt for feedback on sports facilities in Haverhill.

It is asking residents to get in touch with their ideas about the spaces the town has and what it needs – from playing field marking to sports complexes.

Town clerk Colin Poole said: "Haverhill is increasing in size by 20 per cent, 30 per cent. How are we factoring in that increase in our recreation and sports facilities?

"There will be land earmarked for community use by developers, and one question is what do we want on it?"

The leisure and community committee of Haverhill town council met on July 6. Members' interest was in response to a request from the borough council for feedback on sports facilities in the area.

Cllr John Burns, who chaired the committee at the meeting, said: "We want to publicise that residents should be coming to us and saying 'Well, what do we think of the parks and

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spaces?', because there has been some criticism on social media."

He said that on a recent trip to Samuel Ward Academy, the students there told him that they wanted to a better space for playing football. One solution would be to re-open the five-a-side pitches near the Burton Centre in Camps Road.

Cllr Burns said: "There's a classic example of a lot of kids who are perhaps not really making themselves heard, but are saying 'We can't play football anywhere'.

"We need the public to come and say 'we want this', particularly youngsters.

"We don't need specifics, we want an overview."

There is demand in Haverhill for sports and recreation facilities, with the leisure centre attracting 400,000 visitors a year.

Haverhill Cricket Club is

planning on expanding, as it has grown from a single team 10 to 15 years ago to nearly 50 adult players and more than 100 children taking part.

The club is working towards opening a second cricket pitch to cope with the demand.

Greg Street of the cricket club said: "Our facilities are just not big enough for the number of people who want to play cricket."

Haverhill Gymnastics are also working towards opening a new specialised facility in a former industrial unit in Hollands Road.

To get in touch with the council about the town's current facilities, or ideas for what could be provided, big or small, contact the town clerk, Colin Poole.

You can call him on 01440 712858 or send him an email at colin.poole@haverhill-tc.gov.uk.



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BUSINESS

Jewellery shop turns one in style

A JEWELLERY shop which opened last year is planning a week of celebrations in honour of its first birthday.

Boutique Jewellery, which is run by local company Hanningtons, specialises in modern fashion brands.

The shop will be running a 'birthday week' of celebrations from August 3 to 8 to mark one year since it opened.

Prize draws will take place in store and online over the week, with prizes including Endless bracelet and charm sets and a Bering watch. Anyone is welcome to take part in the competitions.

Aron Woodward, manager at Hanningtons, said of the anniversary celebrations: "We would like to thank all of our customers for their continued support of both stores."

"The first year of trading for the boutique has just flown by. Everyone is welcome to take part in our birthday celebrations and to enter the prize draws, we have some fantastic prizes to give away."

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BIG SMILES: Children enjoying the activities on offer
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OVER 1,500 parents, children and residents turned out on the Recreation Ground yesterday for an afternoon of activities.

The sun came out in spells for Haverhill's Big Day Out.

Visitors were treated to adventure activities such as zorbing and trampolines, play areas and a show for younger children, and refreshments including ice cream. Community organisations from Live Well Suffolk to ONE Haverhill also had stalls at the event.

Haverhill Arts Centre's arts and leisure manager Nick Keeble, who organised the event, said: "It's good. We have introduced a few new attractions, including a little show. We have almost 20 different organisations represented here."

"I'm pleased with the turnout. The queues aren't quite as long as in previous years, which is a good thing."

"We like to see the kids enjoying themselves. Some of the things we have got are attracting older age groups instead of young kids. It's bringing whole family groups."

One of the activities proving popular

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with older children and teens was a giant inflated crash mat similar to those used in film stunts, which they could jump onto from scaffolding. The same company, Extreme Adventure, also provided an indoor gaming van for older children.

Alex Caldwell of Extreme Adventure said: "We've done this event for a few years and it's always really busy and everyone's really friendly."

Mandy Barrett, a health visitor who was at the event promoting local health services, said: "This is the first time I've been to something like this, and I think it's very good. The activities are all free and it seems to be drawing a lot of Haverhill people. I think it's nice for health to be more visible in the community."

"This isn't something that's replicated in other areas. It's something that's quite popular in Haverhill and for Haverhill people."

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What do we get for our £65?

I WAS horrified to see your front-page story last week ('£50 brown bin charge step closer', News, July 23). Charging residents £50 to have garden waste removed in brown bins. The new scheme by Suffolk Waste Partnership could save the county council £2 million a year – it's a joke, surely. But district councils St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath are still to decide whether to opt into the partnership or continue to provide a (free?) collection service – last time I looked at my council tax bill this waste collection was not free and we in Haverhill have the highest council tax bill in Suffolk, higher by £65 per household already. More than Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket.

It is disgusting to think of pensioners and people already struggling to pay high rents on low wages.

Many of the now private landlords who have taken advantage of the cheap council houses being resold rent these houses on the estates, some with many tenants are already not looking after their gardens and if you care to walk around the estates you can find overgrown hedges over the foot paths and overgrown front lawns accumulating rubbish.

I am sure this will not encourage people to keep their gardens tidy and well kept, but make things worse.

I can see more fly-tipping of garden waste if there was to be an extra charge on top.

What do we receive now for our extra £65 higher council tax bill? Lights turned off – yes, potholes – yes, lively town centre and good amenities – no, clean well-kept estates with litter bins – no, clean bus shelters – no.

How dare they say we want to make a saving of possibly £2 million more? Well, welcome to the club – don't we all want to make savings? But not at the expense of Haverhill, Kedington and Clare residents.

And even if they were to make this a lower amount than £50 the answer is still NO.

Corinne Abbott
Address withheld

So what's our council tax for?

I'M writing regarding the new charges proposed for emptying brown bins. I find this proposal outrageous. Should the council enforce these charges for emptying these bins then I think you'd find more people either using the black bins more or fly-tipping will become the norm.

I used to think the council tax payments used to cover lots of services (including bin collection) in Haverhill but in the last five years I see some of these services are now beginning to diminish. I'll give you a few examples:

- We no longer have street lighting after midnight each day, even though this had led to a rise in burglaries and crime in general;
- I walk through the town centre every day and have found it to be an extremely dirty place, but some genius probably thought it was a good idea to remove bins from the high street as they don't appear to be many any more;
- Pathways / roads are not maintained;

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LIGHTNING STRIKE: Kevin Sung, of Henry close, Haverhill, took this photo in Haverhill last Friday

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I think the town looks very run-down, the old Co-op building is just left to look like an eyesore due the greed of the council not releasing the car park;

● A police station that is only open office hours in a town that has a population of 20,000 people and rising I think is disgusting, especially when crime is on the rise.

This whole story is not about the costs of emptying bins or the environment but some pen-pushers sitting behind a desk thinking 'how can we squeeze money out of honest working people?'.

Perhaps if the money that everyone pays on council tax actually stayed in Haverhill and didn't go to Bury St Edmunds then maybe the council wouldn't feel the need to charge people to empty a bin. If you want to charge people, then please come and collect your brown bin as soon as possible as I don't want to have an empty bin in my garden taking up space on my property.

Chris Andrew
Address withheld

An open letter to councillors...

I AM writing as a borough resident to all of you who are elected to represent our interests because I am concerned about the report (Haverhill News, July 23) concerning the deliberations into placing a separate charge for emptying the brown bin.

Legislation clearly places a duty on district and borough councils to make at least TWO types of recyclable bin collections. It is clear from this legislation that should the borough decide to stop making a brown bin collection they would have to replace this with another recyclable collection. Bearing in mind when you set your budget for the year 2015-2016 no allowance was made for starting another bin collection service and as a tax payer I believe you would have factored in the current collection

services into your current charges. I would urge all councillors to look at this issue with great caution because as I have previously said, residents already believe they are paying for the brown bin service and to place a flat charge to continue this service would be both unfair and unjust. It will hit poorer families most because they will find it harder to raise this additional money and they will be less likely to have a garden big enough to compost their own household waste. I cannot see a composter working too well in a third-floor flat, for instance, whereas in a large village garden this is less of a problem.

I myself already compost a considerable amount of garden and household waste but still find a requirement for the services of a brown bin as large wooden prunings are not suitable for domestic small recycling and are better suited to a large commercial recycling. I would also point out that commercial waste management companies are able to make a profit out of waste collection, something the borough should be able to do as well if the service is looked at from a commercial perspective. I would ask the council to think carefully about charging for brown bin collection and consider if need be a rise in council tax instead which would be better understood by most residents. I would also like to ask the council to consider the likelihood of more fly-tipping if a charge is made and what additional costs you would have to bear clearing this away. In Haverhill, we are already suffering from fly-tipping and green waste and furniture seems to be the top items.

You might like to consider the provision of a bulk collect day once a month for free (at point of use). I do understand there is no such thing as a free lunch. You could provide skips in known troubled areas. I know there are moves to encourage providers of new furniture to collect old items at the same time.

Ernie Goody
Dalham Place, Haverhill

Leave our lovely town alone!

MOST humans know that when a parent feels that one of their young is faced with danger, there are NO boundaries to the lengths they'd go to in order to protect them. Dangers in the form of physical, emotional or even psychological abuse.

Imagine then, after forking out to view an amateur performance in a neighbouring village, the disappointment as I watched my son's face change from glee and happiness to this look of confusion as the 'group' wheeled on a 'prop', which was a signpost painted with the abominable lie 'Haverhole'. Really? Was this an attempt of comedy or did they really believe that they were part of an exclusive group where nobody from the dreaded 'Haverhill' would be present or indeed offended by this act of snobbery? Were they unaware there were children from 'Heavenhill' sitting in the very audience?

Similarly, while taking part in a moonlit stroll, I endured a man whining on about how the lights of Haverhill polluting the night sky were only the tip of the iceberg to the town's problems. Sadly, it would appear he has never felt the true kindness we have to offer.

Admittedly, statistically, there are too many charity shops and we do not boast a John Lewis, a Marks & Spencer or a Debenhams store, but our charity shops should be looked upon as extended metaphors for the foundations of this beautiful community. Are we not bound to be charitable?

This last Christmas, we boasted NO crime in town. Not a bad job, I'd say. Love us or leave us alone but stop destroying our children's future by berating their hometown.

Name and address supplied

This is not proof of alien life

I WAS immediately struck by one of last week's headlines: "Is this proof of alien life?" I turned to page 3 with a huge sense of excitement; on the upside I was faced with a beautiful sunset photograph. But how is this any kind of evidence for extraterrestrial life? I have been researching this and other strange phenomena ancient and modern since the early 1980s; I have also been a regional director of investigations for a national research group and sorry, this photo is no such evidence, I'm afraid. Firstly, in the upper left of the picture is what was reported to be a "wormhole" from whence the "object", I assume by that you mean the black shape over the centre of the setting sun was "seen" issuing forth. The "wormhole" is nothing more than a lens flare/aberration caused by the camera (probably digital) itself: I know this to be true because only last weekend I took a similar sunset shot on my phone... with exactly the same effect appearing.

Secondly the "object" is in too sharp a focus in relation to the background or even the foreground for that matter. I am a firm believer in other life in our universe and other dimensions – I would even go as far to say that we have been visited for many years into the past and up to our present, but sadly this ain't them!

Darren Taylor
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ENVIRONMENT

East Town Park named one of the best – again!

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HAVERHILL'S East Town Park has been named as one of the best in the country for the fourth year running.

The picturesque green space, off Coupals Road, was one of four parks in West Suffolk to win the Green Flag Award for this year from the national charity Keep Britain Tidy.

The announcement coincided with the start of National Love Parks Week, which is designed to encourage more people to enjoy spending time in our local parks.

Cllr Joanna Rayner, from St Edmundsbury Borough Council, said: "A lot of work goes into keeping our parks looking so great and so clean and the Green Flag award is very much deserved recognition for that huge team effort."

"Now the schools have broken up for the summer holidays, mums and dads will be looking for ways to keep their youngsters entertained."

"So why not let the children run off some of that boundless energy



RECOGNITION:
Cllr Joanna Rayner with staff and volunteers at East Town Park, Haverhill

by taking them to the park to play, discover nature, and perhaps to enjoy a nice picnic as well."

She added: "Our parks are fantastic places for families to visit. They are not expensive while the

Green Flag status should give people peace of mind that they are safe, clean and well looked after. What is more they are right here on your doorstep ready for you to enjoy."

East Town Park shared the prize with Abbey Gardens in Bury St Edmunds, Nowton Park and West Stow Country Park.

National Love Parks Week runs until Sunday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thieves take bicycles worth total of £1,600

TWO bicycles, worth £700 and £900, have been stolen from a farm near Haverhill.

The pink and black Giant ladies' bike has serial number ALGXXFL6000, and the black and white Giant men's bike has serial number EN1478T.

They were taken from a barn at Hill Farm in Boyton End, Stoke by Clare, between May 1 and 10. Anyone with information can call police on 101.

Arson at company site

ARSONISTS set fire to a used engine oil container at the rear of a property in Hollands Road.

The fire at the rear of the Colourgen premises caused £80 of damage by melting a UPVC door.

It took place during daylight hours, at 4.30pm, on Tuesday, July 21.

Oil was spilt and the container was completely destroyed by the blaze.

Anyone with information about the incident should call Sgt Gilbert at Haverhill Police on 101.

Three cars damaged

THREE vehicles at the Haverhill Car Exchange in Sturmer Road were vandalised two weeks ago.

A Ford Focus, a Ford Fiesta and a Toyota Avensis all received damage to rear passenger windows, with a total estimated cost of £725.

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Funeral service at West Suffolk Crematorium on Tuesday 4th August at 2.15pm.

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Deaths

WALTON

Eileen

Passed away at West Suffolk Hospital on 20th July 2015, aged 92 years. Devoted wife to the Late Ernie. She will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Funeral Service to be held at West Suffolk Crematorium on Wednesday 12th August at 12.45pm.

Donations to Age UK may be sent c/o Armstrongs Funeral Service, 43 St Andrews Street North, Bury St Edmunds. IP33 1TH. (01284 723889)

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The family of the late Roy wish to thank all who sent kind messages of sympathy following their recent sad bereavement.

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Showcasing our town's past, present and future

THE mayor of Haverhill used an "At Home" event to showcase the past, present and future of Haverhill on Monday.

The event at the Haverhill Arts Centre was attended by mayors from across Suffolk, including Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury. The Mayor of Saffron Walden also attended.

The guests were treated to Buck's Fizz and canapes, but more importantly stalls representing Haverhill groups.

The future of Haverhill was represented by a variety of young people's groups including the ONE Haverhill Apprentices, the Prince's Trust, which helps young

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people gain skills for employment, and the police cadets.

The past was represented by the Haverhill Local History Group, who put up a display of old pictures of Haverhill.

Groups representing the present of Haverhill included REACH Community Projects, the Haverhill First Responders, and Haverville, the mayor's fundraising charity. Others included Rail Haverhill, the Centre Stage Theatre Company and the Town Twin-

ning Organisation. Mayor Cllr Betty McLatchy said in a brief speech at the start of the event: "I feel very proud and privileged to wear this mayor's chain and I am very proud of Haverhill. It is a special place to live."

"As you see I have gathered together just a few of the people who work so hard to make Haverhill special. I wanted to stress the importance of the past, the present and the future of Haverhill to our guests."

Afterwards, she added: "I only had the idea on Sunday - I'm a mad hat!"

"I think it's shown Haverhill in the special light it should be."



HAVERHILL MAYOR AT HOME: Betty and Ivor McLatchy

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EDUCATION



INSPIRATIONAL: Carol Player, right, with headteacher Vanessa Whitcombe

Tennis and tea to say farewell...

A POPULAR teacher has retired from a Haverhill school after 25 years.

Carol Player, science and PE teacher at Castle Manor Academy, said farewell to pupils and staff last week.

The school celebrated with an afternoon tea and tennis match in recognition of the former professional basketball player's multitude of sporting successes.

Vanessa Whitcombe, headteacher of Castle Manor School, said: "Students, colleagues and families will miss Mrs Player very much. She is well known in our community as an excellent teacher who has always had very high standards."

"We thank her for all the time she has given to our children, and the impact she has had on them."

She added: "We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement."

Mrs Player started teaching

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straight from University in Eastbourne, but took a break in her career to have a family and play basketball for England.

She began teaching at Castle Manor in 1990 and has worked with thousands of young pupils during her 25-year tenure.

The school described her as a "very talented sportswoman" who inspired many children in her time working in Haverhill.

Mrs Player says she intends to enjoy her retirement by spending more time with her family, and friends, alongside travelling, painting and playing sport.

For more information about the school, visit castlepartnership.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

200 tonnes of straw catch fire at farm

THE fire service was called to a fire involving 200 tonnes of straw on Monday at 9.47pm on Great Wilsey Farm in Little Wrating.

Two fire crews from Haverhill found the straw well alight and near to standing crops. They used one hose reel and beaters to protect the crops.

Six appliances attended, including relief crews from Clare and Long Melford. The fire was out at 12.16am.

Frozen fun at nursery end-of-term party



CHILDREN and their parents were treated to games, dressing up and an ice castle cake at a Frozen-themed end-of-year event.

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CATHERINE, 44, very lonely female with no ties, attractive, slim, WLTM male for relaxed friendship, enjoys fine wine, romantic walks and more. Tel No: **0906 515 4438 Box No: 417759**

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MALE 54, seeks lady 45-54 for company, days out, theatre and having fun. Tel No: **0906 515 4438 Box No: 410939**

MALE, slim build, 5', looking for relationship with a lady with sense of humour, age and looks unimportant. Text only to Mailbox No: **4715703**

STU 52, looking for a sincere women to share the long cold winter nights with. Text only to Mailbox No: **460904**

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Men seeking men

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FASHION

Hopes are high for young model Harry



FINGERS CROSSED: Aspiring model Harry hopes to win year-long contract

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A TEENAGER from Haverhill is in the running to become Britain's next catwalk king after being nominated for a national contest.

Harry Eden, 18, has been shortlisted for *The Sun's* Hunk Hunt modelling competition which could land him a year's contract with a top agency.

The former Samuel Ward pupil, who currently works at Domino's in Haverhill, hopes the contest will kickstart his dream of becoming a professional model.

Harry, of Mallow Walk, said: "I like most fashion. I think skating clothes look really cool but I also like high end fashion and I even sometimes wear a bit of vintage clothing."

"My mum and I saw this competition in *The Sun* and we thought why not give it a go?"

"We couldn't believe it when I saw my picture in the newspaper."

He added: "I think I am one of the youngest entrants and I don't have that much professional experience, but would be great to win though and

would really help me to kick-start my career."

"I think it would be a good to become a full-time model but I do try and look at the bigger picture as it's not practical to think I'm definitely going to make it as a model."

"I'll definitely keep trying though and keep my fingers crossed for this competition."

If successful, Harry would win a year's professional modelling contract with London modelling agency News.

The contract would see Harry feature in a fashion photoshoot and receive £1,000 cash plus an additional £1,000 in Moss Bros vouchers.

Grace Hack, store manager at Domino's in Haverhill, said: "Harry always looks super stylish and gets lots of attention from customers, so we weren't surprised to hear that he'd been shortlisted for the competition. "We're all rooting for him and hope he wins – he certainly gets our vote."

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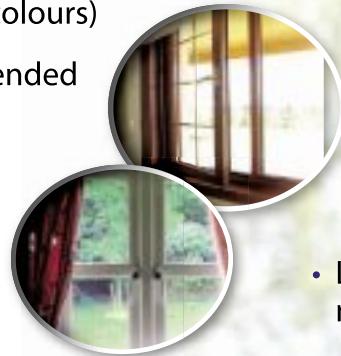
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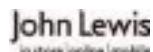
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SUMMER FUN: The new play area in Thurlow

New play area open in village

A NEW play area has replaced 25-year-old equipment in Thurlow – just in time for the summer holidays.

The playground, on the village recreation ground, was unveiled on July 21.

It is the result of a 15-month community

project run by a committee of parish councillors, parents and members of the Thurlow Sports Club.

The ribbon was cut by county councillor Mary Evans, who put £2,000 of her locality budget towards the play area and submitted a successful bid for £8,000 of

county council funding. The area was also funded by the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme, Big Lottery Awards for All, Suffolk Foundation and Havebury Housing Partnership, who funded the zipwire.

CAMPAIGN

Tick warning to dog owners

BLOOD sucking ticks are feeding earlier in the year, and for longer – triggering a warning to dog owners in the Haverhill area.

Tick bites can transmit serious infections, such as Lyme disease, a serious and debilitating illness that can cause long-term health problems in both dogs and people.

Now, Belgrave House Vet Surgery in High Street, Linton, is taking action by joining naturalist and TV presenter Chris Packham and the University of Bristol in the Big Tick Project.

This new nationwide initiative runs from spring through to autumn, tracking the rise of the tick population in the UK and finding out how many carry disease.

Dog owners can take their pets to the surgery for a tick check and advice about innovations in effective tick control.

Any ticks found on dogs will be collected and sent to Bristol University laboratories to

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dogs and people to be identified, compared to the national average.

The practices also aim to provide advice to local dog owners on effective tick control.

Ticks are hard to spot when small but can transmit infections as they feed off the blood of their host.

Dog owners often see ticks when they have increased in size as a result of their blood meal but by then the damage may have been done.

New advances and treatment innovation means that there are a number of ways that vets can control ticks, including the use of spot-ons (typically applied every four weeks), sprays, collars and oral chewable formulations which can last up to 12 weeks.

"While I find both ticks and fleas interesting creatures, I don't want them on my dogs, in my house, or on me. I want the best advice and treatment available and I know I can get this by talking to my vet."

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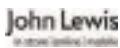
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HEALTH

Mental health chief resigns post

THE finance director of Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust (NSFT) has resigned five months after it became the first mental health trust to be put in special measures.

Andrew Hopkins has announced his resignation after 16 years as an NHS director – 12 years of which were with NSFT.

He says he has decided to take a career break and will formally leave in September.

The trust was put in special measures in February and has been described by the Care Quality Commission as not being a safe service.

He said: "I have been involved in many great developments in mental health services over the past 12 years and have always strived to support service improvements and champion greater funding for mental health."

"This has become more and more difficult over the last few years and clearly the trust finds itself in a very challenging position right now. I feel that now is the right time for me to step aside and for someone else to provide a fresh approach to that challenge. I will greatly miss all of my colleagues and all of the fantastic staff I have met in my time at NSFT."

CHARITY

From technician to boxing champ

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GAVIN Horscroft stepped into the ring to cheering crowds on Saturday, and knocked his opponent to the floor – just eight weeks after starting boxing training.

The 45-year-old refrigeration technician, who lives in Haverhill's Cleves Place, had been taking part in an intensive boxing course to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The course culminated with a professional-style fight attended by 300 people at the Guildhall in Cambridge on Saturday.

Gavin said: "It was just an absolutely amazing evening. The whole thing was quite life-changing."

"You are made to feel like a star, and you do feel like a star."

He won his boxing match, one of the first in



A STAR: Gavin Horscroft took to the ring at The Guildhall in Cambridge on Saturday

Pictures: Matthew Cox (ultrapix.co.uk)

the evening. He said: To win in front of my friends and family... the relief was quite immense."

The event, run by Ultra White Collar Boxing, raised £5,000 for the cancer char-

ity, with Gavin raising £345 in sponsorship himself.

Organiser Tom Longley said: "It was a hugely successful evening, everybody did absolutely fantastically."

Gavin said the training he underwent had a great effect on his health: "In ten weeks there was a really big change. You are weighed every couple of weeks and I lost ten pounds."

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Vulnerable' adults to benefit from scheme

AROUND 100 vulnerable adults from across Suffolk including at a centre in Haverhill are to gain free support thanks to a council's donation of old laptops.

St Edmundsbury council gave the equipment to the Haverhill Community Hub to help provide people with educational support.

Patients take part in NHS 'revolution'

RESIDENTS from across West Suffolk set their own healthcare agenda in Clare last week.

The region's CCG held their fourth 'Patient Revolution' event in which residents discussed concerns relating to dementia, mental health and using technology.

The CCG says it intends to publish the meeting feedback on its website in six months.

Landlords urged to act on new fire laws

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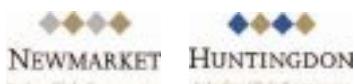
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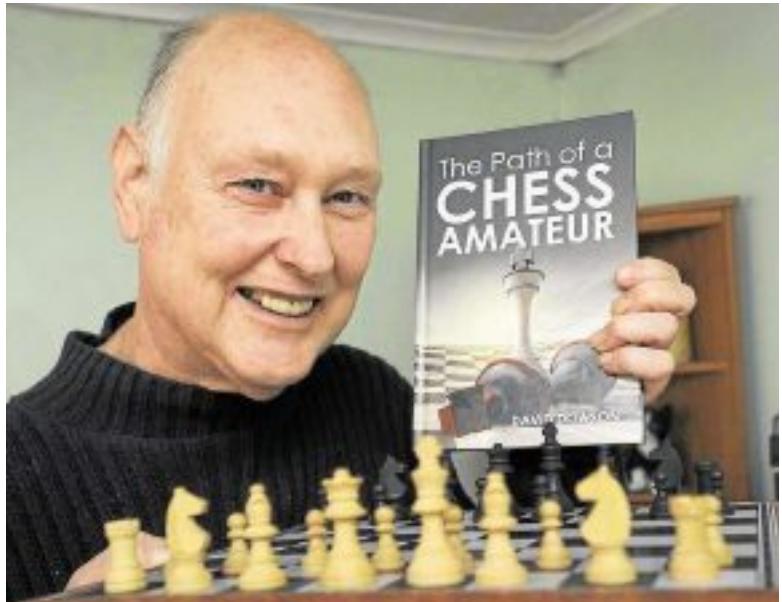
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BOOKS

My guide for chess players



CHECKMATE: David Dowson has spent two years writing a book sharing his chess experiences

A STEEPLE Bumpstead man is putting over five decades of chess experience to good use – by publishing a book on the game.

David Dowson, 55, has played competitive chess for the last 40 years, but says he has had an interest in the game for even longer. He said: "I have been studying chess strategies for a good 50 years. I started when I was about 5."

Mr Dowson said he has even spent time studying chess at university: "I studied psychology in South Africa, and that's where I learnt about chess psychology."

His book, titled *The Path of a Chess Amateur*, is aimed at everyone from beginners to those graded up to 100.

Mr Dowson, who lives in Edith Cavell Way, Steeple Bumpstead, chose to write it as an alternative to manuals written by chess masters, as he is an amateur himself.

He said: "I was a bit fed up with having chess masters tell us amateurs how to play. Whenever you get a book written by a master, without much chess experience."

EMPLOYMENT

MP to host 7th apprenticeships fair

MATTHEW Hancock MP will be holding a jobs and apprenticeships fair in Haverhill on Friday September 11.

Aimed at local businesses, those looking for a job and people interested in a careers change, the event is

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although they state that they are ideal for the amateur player, they always seem to be well over the head of amateur players, especially UK graded players under 100.

"I've included in the book an example of one of our local chess players from Linton. He's well read, an ex-cultural attache to the United Arab Emirates. We've been playing chess for over 40 years and he's still graded under 100. It's basically how the mind works."

Mr Dowson, who has lived in Steeple Bumpstead since 1995, has also included other examples of local players in the book.

He says most of the players featured live in Essex and Suffolk and play the game at the Linton Chess Club or the Bury St Edmunds Chess Club, and live in Essex or Suffolk.

Mr Dowson says his book, which took two years to write, is perfect for players without much chess experience.

supported by Haverhill Job Centre.

Seminars will be running throughout the morning, covering CV writing, preparing for interviews and tips on finding jobs and apprenticeships.

He said: "We have already

had a lot of interest from the business community in Haverhill and I am looking forward to hearing from more people over the coming weeks. The jobs and apprenticeships fair is a great opportunity for anyone looking for work."

"I also give end game strategies that one should plan from the beginning."

"A lot of masters focus on the end game, but beginners don't even get to the end. Then all that effort they have put in to the end games goes to waste."

As well as being a chess player, Mr Dowson is also an artist, a chess tutor, and a member of the Freemasons.

He says that writing the book has taken up a lot of his time over the past two years but hopes to do more tutoring now it is published.

"*The Path of a Chess Amateur*" was published this month by AuthorHouse UK. It is available on Amazon, or by visiting www.daviddowson.co.uk.

You can also find out more about chess in the area by visiting www.cc2-live.co.uk/lintonchessclub or www.bscchessclub.org.uk.



PLAYTIME: Jane Jackson with youngsters on the new climbing frame. Right: Annabel Hiles, 5 tries out the rope swing.

Pictures: Warren Gunn

Playtime for little monkeys

CHILDREN have been scrambling up and down new play equipment in Weston Colville this week.

The new playground was unveiled at the village's Recreation Ground on Tuesday following seven months of fundraising.

Jane Jackson, who organised the project alongside Kate Hiles, said: "There was nothing there

before except for an old slide, so we were looking to rejuvenate the place.

"It's great that we managed to get it finished in time for the school holidays."

Alongside the village's fundraising efforts, the project was funded by Wadlow Wind Farm, The National Lottery Awards, the parish council and South Cambs District Council.



HEALTH

Inquiry into hospital care

AN inquiry's findings could help reduce the number of people returning to hospital in Suffolk.

Healthwatch Suffolk published a report into the county's hospital discharge process last November, and it has now been incorporated into a national inquiry about how patients leave hospital.

Healthwatch England's inquiry brings together the stories of 3,230 patients, including those from Suffolk,

It highlights failures in the discharge process including hospitals not routinely asking patients if they have a home or safe place to be discharged to, details of new medications not being passed on to GPs and carers and families not being notified when loved ones are discharged.

A patient-led inquiry into hospital readmissions by Healthwatch England found that two-thirds of people who are readmitted

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negatively on the person returning home.

"We also found that some patients did not feel ready to leave the care of the service and examples where the condition of the patient was affected where appropriate ongoing support had not been offered."

"Replicating good examples is a start, but to truly change people's experiences we need everyone across health and social care to commit to putting the needs of individuals at the heart of the discharge process, ensuring that patients' discharge plans are right for them and their specific recovery needs."

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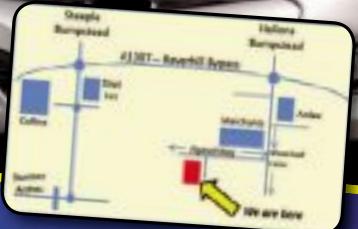
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The Kaiser Chiefs in Newmarket

THE Kaiser Chiefs are coming to Newmarket Nights. Ahead of their show, we've pulled together some lesser-known facts about the band...

1: Before settling on their current name, the band were known as Parva, the name that they kept from 2000 till 2003. Not quite so snappy, is it?

2: The new and improved name was inspired by South African football club Kaizer Chiefs FC (spot the difference). The club had come to the Yorkshire lads' attention as it was the first team that Leeds United captain Lucas Radebe had played for.

3: Nick Hodgson, who left the band in 2012, was not just the drummer. He in fact also wrote

the lyrics for the band's biggest hits.

4: Since the parting of the ways, Nick has gone on to other projects, including working with Cambridge's own singer-songwriter Alicia Catling.

5: The band's track record has been impressive, including a stack of hit singles including number one smash Ruby. In total, up to August last year they had sold an eye-popping 1.1 million singles, making them one among the Brit best-sellers of the noughties.

6: Their best song, though, remains the poppy, sparky, witty takedown of British boozing culture and big nights out I Predict A Riot.

7: Ricky Wilson underwent quite the

transformation from choirboy-cheeked stocky stomper to lithe, slick TV star in time for his debut season as a chair-swivelling judge on The Voice.

8: The band visited Cambridge as the opening band on the NME Tour line-up of 2005 (supporting – and pretty much upstaging, from what I can remember - Killers, Futureheads and Bloc Party).

They also returned that year to headline Cambridge Junction, and have 2013 Newmarket Nights and Corn Exchange headline slots under their belt.

After their first visit Ricky said: "We loved Cambridge. It was brilliant. I walked around and felt like I had wasted my life, I should have

been a bit brainier.

"I was even flicking my scarf over my shoulder like a proper student."

● **Kaiser Chiefs play Newmarket Nights on Friday, July 31. SOLD OUT.**

● The Jockey Club Lives' Newmarket Nights remaining shows:
August 7: SIR TOM JONES
August 14th SPANDAU BALLET
August 29th MCBUSTED – SUMMER SATURDAY LIVE: NEWMARKET RACECOURSE

● Tickets are available at: newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk or telephone 0844 579 3010.

the guide

ROUND UP

THE summer holidays have started, and activities for kids are already under way. Abbeycroft Leisure are running camps for children to participate in a wide range of sports and activities. They operate every day of the school holidays except bank holidays and weekends. The camps run from 9am to 5pm for children aged 8 and above, and 9am to 3pm for 6 to 7-year-olds, at the leisure centre in Ehringhausen Way. Abbeycroft also runs "Explore Outdoor" sessions for over-eights in East Town Park. The outdoor activities range from fire-lighting and shelter-building to geocaching and orienteering. To find out more and book, visit acleisure.com/kids, or call 01440 702548.

EACH summer, Cambridge Early Music runs two residential study weeks, one on Baroque music, the other on Renaissance music. Experienced instrumentalists and singers from all over the world attend the summer schools, whether (skilled) amateurs or aspiring professionals. A series of performances run alongside the school – showcasing the performers and the music that they have been working on and perfecting.

Find out more about Cambridge Early Music at CambridgeEarlyMusic.org. Tickets for all events from (01223) 847330 / CambridgeEarlyMusic.org.

CAMBRIDGE Folk Festival runs from today (Thursday) until Sunday, August 2, at Cherry Hinton Hall Park. Tickets are sold out but for those unable to bag a ticket, BBC Radio 2 will be broadcasting live from the festival 3-6pm on Saturday afternoon and Sky Arts will be recording highlights for future transmission. Follow the event's social media feeds and official website which will be broadcasting exclusive backstage performances and interviews from artists at the festival. See cambridgefolkfestival.co.uk and its Facebook and Twitter feeds

MUSIC



Rapademic, J2 at Cambridge Junction, Thursday, July 30, 8pm. Tickets £5 (adv), from (01223) 511511 / junction.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON/TICKETS

Rapademic at The Junction

QUITE unique collaborative event is taking place at The Junction's J2 tomorrow night. Rapademic is a showcase for Cambridge's emerging grime/hip hop/rap artists, with a feast of lyricists, MCs and beat-makers, but it's also much more.

The event is the culmination of a project by Cambridge-based charity Romsey Mill, which has been working with a group of youngsters between 16 and 21, who will be hosting the event. The group has been spending time with staff at The Junction learning everything

they need to know about putting on an event, including planning, marketing and programming.

The acts – all fresh talent from Cambridge's thriving scene – include KD, Jr Fenz, Magicz, Tuckz and Trizzle, Shangooli, Screwface, Haze, Gwm, Joey Stacks, A Wrap, Street Inc, Radio Active, Acey, Swipz, TT, General T, Skeemz, Tevz, KC and 2Crud. The event is hosted by Inja, Julyah and Nathan Eyes and there will be DJ sets from DJ Dread, Beatz, DJ Shozzo, Deejaytee. Karl Lewis is a youth worker with

'It's the culmination of a project by charity Romsey Mill, which has been working with a group of youngsters between 16 and 21, who will be hosting the event'

Romsey Mill – and also a musician, who will be performing on the night as KD – who runs the studio where the young performers go to create their music and learn that skills that will help them make the most of their ability.

A brilliant community scheme? A venue chock-full of fresh young talent? Beats, words, DJs and more? Sounds like a winner to me.

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Saturday & Sunday August 8th & 9th

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The Three Little Pigs

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Saturday 5 September • 7.30pm
Raymond Froggatt

Friday 18 September • 7.30pm
Patsy Cline and Friends

Saturday 19 September • 7.30pm
The Counterfeit Sixties

CINEMA

Friday 31 July • 7.30pm
London Road (15)

Monday 10 August • 7.30pm
Force Majeure (15)

Latest news and events from



For more details, telephone Sara Marsh or Pam Jones on
01440 714140 or email marketing@haverhillartscentre.co.uk or boxoffice@haverhillartscentre.co.uk

- Following the success of their Royal Variety Performance, CBBC's *The Slammer* and *Little Howard's Big Question*, real human Big Howard and the animated six-year-old find that life is tough in showbiz in LITTLE HOWARD'S BIG SHOW FOR KIDS tomorrow at 2pm. A sinister figure threatens our heroes with being sent to jail and the only way to thwart him is by putting on the funniest show possible. But Roger the pigeon has spent all their money on cookie cutters, Big Howard has been diagnosed with being clinically unfunny and there's a slug in the backstage toilet. What are the pair to do? Join us for a fun time; the show is suitable for big kids and children aged 5-plus.

- On the cinema front: George Clooney and Hugh Laurie star in TOMORROWLAND: A WORLD BEYOND (12A) today at 2.30pm. Former boy genius Frank is desperate to re-enter an amazing world he once helped to create. When a rebellious teenager stumbles on the key to doing just that, the pair embark on a hazardous adventure. LONDON ROAD (15) tomorrow at 7.30pm is set in Ipswich and chronicles the reactions of residents when five sex workers are murdered in their neighbourhood. Based on the true story of the 'Suffolk Strangler', the film follows the community who found themselves at the epicentre of the tragic events, and is based on interviews conducted with the road's real residents. Using their own words set to an innovative musical score, London Road tells a moving story of ordinary people coming together during the darkest of experiences

- Events to look out for are Pongo's Party for ages 3-plus on Tuesday August 11 at 2pm, featuring the voice of CBeebies' star Mr Tumble (Justin Fletcher) the Haverhill and District Flower Festival on Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15 and a brand new, slightly silly but always fun version of *The Three Little Pigs* for ages 3-plus on Friday August 21 at 2pm.

- There will be no events from Sunday August 2 to Sunday August 10 August as it's time for our annual clean/maintenance week. Our next event is FORCE MAJEURE (15) on Monday August 10 at 7.30pm.

LISTINGS

- Thursday July 30 at 10.30am MOOMINS ON THE RIVIERA (U) £4.50
- Thursday July 30 at 2.30pm TOMORROWLAND (12A) £4.50
- Friday July 31 at 2pm LITTLE HOWARD'S BIG SHOW FOR KIDS £6/£5/£20
- Friday July 31 at 7.30pm LONDON ROAD (15) £6/£5

Big laughs with Little Howard at Arts Centre



Picture: Steve Ullathorne

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CHAIN

Glensford Place £159,950

Terraced family house situated on the popular Chalkstone development. The property offers, lounge, dining room, g/f cloakroom, kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom and an enclosed rear garden. The property benefits from gas fired central heating & UPVC double glazing. EPC Rating: D, 64.

NO ONWARD
CHAIN

Broad Street OIEO £200,000

Victorian extended terraced family house situated in a popular close to town location offering lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, three bedrooms, family bathroom and an enclosed rear garden. The property benefits from gas fired central heating to radiators, enclosed rear garden and garage to rear. EPC Rating: D, 55.

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MORE
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NO ONWARD
CHAIN

Withersfield Road £162,500

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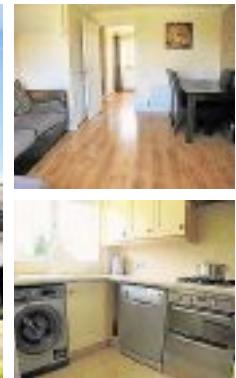
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A spacious four bedroom detached family home situated in a private cul de sac on the popular Roman Way development. The property benefits from three reception rooms, un-overlooked rear garden, single garage and generous driveway. (EPC Rating D).



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Guide Price £235,000

An extended and beautifully presented three bedroom link detached property offering spacious living accommodation situated on the popular Wilsey development. The property benefits from many fine features including a wonderful open plan kitchen / dining room, WC, pleasant rear garden, single garage and driveway. (EPC Rating E)



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Dyers End, Stambourne Guide Price £250,000

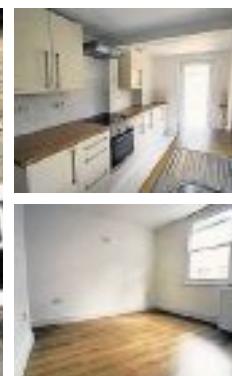
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A spacious, detached family home located on the well regarded Boyton Hall development benefiting from four double bedrooms, two generous reception rooms and an attractive fitted kitchen. The property enjoys a pleasant rear garden and is being sold with no onward chain.

A spacious and extended bungalow offering two double bedrooms and two reception rooms. The property is located in the picturesque hamlet of Dyers End and enjoys attractive views over open countryside.



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Guide Price £135,000

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Guide Price £210,000

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Guide Price £169,950

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Guide Price £155,000

A spacious and well presented two bedroom Victorian cottage located in a popular central area. The property enjoys an attractive fitted kitchen, two reception rooms, two double bedrooms and a pleasant rear garden. (EPC Rating D)



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Guide Price £275,000

A rather striking three storey former Public House & Inn currently being renovated to provide a spacious three bedroom family home. The property will enjoy a contemporary kitchen (choices available) master bedroom with twin aspect and an en suite. Outside will be a generous rear garden and residents allocated parking. Early reservation available.



Brockley Green

Guide Price £450,000

An extremely generous five bedroom detached family house situated nicely on the outskirts of Hundon & Kedington in the pleasant hamlet of Brockley Green. The property enjoys an overall plot of approximately 0.34 acres with beautiful views over open countryside. (EPC Rating E)



Ridgewell

Guide Price £525,000

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Ridgewell

Guide Price £525,000



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Guide Price £199,950

A beautifully presented three bedroom property in a pleasant cul de sac on the Cambridge side of town, benefiting from a lounge / dining room, conservatory, WC, re-fitted bathroom suite, pleasant rear garden and two allocated parking spaces. (EPC Rating C).



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Guide Price £269,000

A detached four bedroom property situated at the head of this popular residential cul-de-sac located on the Cambridge side of town. The property benefits from open plan living accommodation, conservatory, master bedroom with en-suite, fitted kitchen, single garage and generous parking. (EPC Rating D).

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£415,000



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Clare

£169,950



A detached Grade II listed cottage offering a wealth of character & set in large gardens next to the village green. The property has recently been re-thatched & also benefits from many character features including large inglenook fireplace & an abundance of exposed timbers. (EPC - E)

Castle Camps OIEO £360,000

Haverhill

£180,000

Bychoice are pleased to offer this beautifully presented Victorian terraced town house offering three double bedrooms. Ample parking to the front of the property and generous garden to the rear. A viewing would be highly recommended to appreciate the living space this property has to offer.

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Stradishall

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Haverhill

£215,000



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Clare

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A wonderful opportunity to purchase this executive 4 bedroom detached property in this popular village. With many fine features from spacious living accommodation to a detached double garage, this home is well presented throughout & must be viewed.

Steeple Bumpstead £375,000

Bychoice have the pleasure in offering this four double bedroom detached property, situated on the ever popular Cambridge side of town. Boasting ample parking & living accommodation, which has been recently extended. A viewing is highly recommended by the selling agent.

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£245,000



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Steeple Bumpstead

£425,000



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- EPC Grade D



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- Lounge with open fireplace
- Ground floor bathroom

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- Electric heating
- Good size rear garden
- No onward chain



SNOWDON COURT

A well presented family home, which has been updated with modern windows, central heating, kitchen and bathroom fittings and a good size rear garden

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- Utility/WC
- Garage & carport
- EPC grade D



WESTERN AVENUE

A substantial well established semi detached family house, standing in large gardens

- 3 Bedrooms
- Mostly double glazed
- Lounge/dining room

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- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Potential for off street parking
- EPC grade D



COLNE VALLEY ROAD

A three storey town house located within close proximity to the town centre with well proportioned and versatile accommodation

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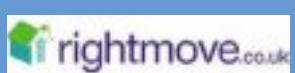
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Brockley Green, Hunden £500pcm

Modern one bed annexe situated within stable grounds overlooking open countryside. This property offers large front room incorporating open plan lounge and kitchen area, large double bedroom, good size bathroom. Oil central heating and double glazing throughout, parking for one vehicle. Rent is inclusive of water rates. EPC band: E



Cramswell Close, Haverhill £725pcm

Modern two bed mid terrace house in desirable cul de sac location on the Cambridge side of town. Neutrally decorated throughout offering kitchen, lounge, two double bedrooms and a bathroom. Rear garden which is laid to lawn. Gas fired central heating and double glazing throughout. No pets allowed. EPC band: C

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Hall Farm House, Kedington £1200

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Cambridge Close, Haverhill £750pcm

Generous three bed mid terrace house close to the town centre and local amenities. The property benefits from a thorough re-decoration and newly fitted kitchen, bathroom and downstairs toilet. Ground floor also boasts a large lounge/diner and upstairs offers two double bedrooms and one single. Front and rear gardens. EPC band: D



Haverhill Road, Haverhill £750pcm

Modern three bed end terrace house on the edge of the town close to local supermarket. Ground floor accommodation comprises of open plan lounge/diner/kitchen and downstairs shower room. First floor offers two double bedrooms and one single. Garden & parking EPC band: D



Notley Drive, Haverhill £1300pcm

An exceptionally well presented executive style four bed detached house on the popular Hanchett Village Estate. Offering downstairs cloakroom, lounge, dining area, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, three double bedrooms one single, bathroom and games room and rear garden. Gas central heating and double garage. EPC band: D

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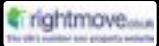
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Wheels

EMG sets the stage for launch of all-new MX-5

EMG Motor Goup held an MX-5 Launch Event at its Milton Road dealership on Sunday which proved to be a great success, according to those who attended.

Stuart Roy, the Norfolk-based artist who designed Mazda's winning wrap shown on the new MX-5 pictured here, said: "The Sunday went very well. The wrap was put on to a pre-production car and they don't want that version to get out, so it was taken away in the afternoon."

"We've ordered one of the new MX-5s – my wife wants to buy one, she's looking forward to it arriving in September. I've driven the new one – it's grown up in the sense of the interior but it's kept the character of the car drive-wise."

Ben Saul, EMG's group marketing manager, said: "The event was very successful: there were 40 couples attending, about 80-odd people, and we have 13 confirmed orders for the new model for the MkIV, some of them were Mazda MX-5 Owners Club UK, so it was a great success for us."

EMG is expecting the new MX-5 to arrive in the showroom on August 29, the Bank Holiday weekend.

Call (01223) 472000 or go to emgmotorgroup.com for details.



WINNING STYLE: Mazda's MkIV MX-5 at EMG with Mazda sales manager David Hazelden, left, Stuart Roy and team
Picture: Dave Harwood



ON SHOW: Honda stars and cars
Honda bigs it up for Chris Evans' Carfest

HONDA is pulling out all the stops at Chris Evans' two charity-focused CarFest events this summer, bringing along stars and cars, two-wheeled thrills and a range of crowd-pleasing entertainment and displays.

CarFest is the brainchild of popular Radio 2 presenter and new *Top Gear* host Evans, raising vital funds for BBC Children In Need via a family-oriented, high-octane blend of fast and exotic cars, celebrity cameos and live music from some of the hottest acts around.

Honda played a leading role last year and will return in 2015 to both CarFest North at Oulton Park in Cheshire (July 31-August 2) and CarFest South at ex-Formula One World Champion Jody Scheckter's Laverstoke Park Farm in Hampshire (August 28-30).

Details at carfest.org.

Ten key considerations for buyers of new cars

NEW car buying platform carwow has conducted a national survey to discover the top 10 most important considerations of new car buyers.

Carwow data shows that August is the busiest research month for car buyers in the UK, ahead of new registrations in September. The survey, of UK-based Google users, shows that the top 10 most important considerations are:

1. Price
2. Fuel economy
3. Colour
4. Insurance grouping and cost
5. Safety
6. Performance
7. Manufacturer
8. Size
9. Quality
10. Engine size

James Hind, carwow CEO, said: "carwow is a business built on putting buyers first, by empowering customers



COLOURFUL: Colour is the third most important factor for new car buyers

with all the information they need before they buy a car. This is why we conducted the survey – to make sure we are providing the buyers with exactly what they want. We were most surprised to

discover that performance, brand and design fall somewhat down the list of top considerations."

He added: "Colour, on the other hand, which barely gets a mention in traditional

car reviews, is actually the third most important thing for new-car buyers."

Following the new survey results, carwow will launch a New-Car Buyers' Car of the Year awards based on the

top 10 buyer considerations revealed in this survey. More details will be announced later in the year.

Meanwhile Dipstix, the website dedicated to helping motorists manage their

cars, have found premium marques among their least expensive to repair, whilst some makers of low-priced cars, rank amongst the most expensive.

Their analysis was based on a first year's database of over 330 repairs, on more than 130 types of vehicle, from 33 manufacturers.

The most frequent repair quotes were for Ford and Vauxhall, who together accounted for 23.5 per cent of all enquiries. At the other end of the spectrum, repairs were quoted for three Dodge cars and even an Aston Martin Vantage!

Against an average repair quote of £286, premium makers Mercedes and BMW fared surprisingly well. They were respectively 9th and 10th with average quotes of £211 and £209 as Lexus came in a creditable 5th too, at just £192.

Full details on the poll are available at dipstix.com.



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Wheels

Mitsubishi's plug-in Outlander is a fully switched-on SUV

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Steve has earned huge respect for the way he's run the combined Mitsubishi and Citroen dealership – it's by the side of Duxford Airfield – over many years and, for all the chats we've had and emails exchanged, I'd not actually met him, so putting that wrong right felt like A Good Thing.

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What finally got me out to say hello was curiosity of course – curiosity about the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV. I'd heard a lot about this electrically-powered SUV but failed to understand the technology it uses. Is it an all-electric car? Or is it a hybrid with a switchover between the electric and petrol engine options?

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Turns out the Outlander

PHEV – it stands for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle – is neither. Or rather both. It's an all-electric SUV which has a 2.0-litre petrol engine running the electrics when the batteries run down, if that makes sense – and if it doesn't then that's because this really is very novel technology which you'd be well advised to check out for yourself.

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Essentially you're driving

an all-electric car at all times even though the power source varies between two different sources. So you get the one gear – forward – whatever the power option is. You get the almost supernaturally quiet driving that is the hallmark of the electric era (and the anxiety of how to alert those nearby to your presence without pumping CO₂ into their faces). You get 148mpg for goodness' sake. And you get a car which will recharge itself using about 50 pence's worth of electricity. And zero-

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electric era – and particularly for the PHEV range – is everything. Understanding this vehicle's power systems will enable you to get the best out of it. So, for instance, you have an Eco mode – just switch into it and the aircon usage and power requirements of the 4WD system dip:

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engine output is suppressed to ensure gentle starts. In place

of the rev counter on your

instrument panel, of course,

you have a readout telling you how much electricity you are using. There's three key areas:

regenerative braking mode,

eco mode and standard-use

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If you're a smart learner you will use these paddles a lot as you drive, because it all helps sustain the electric-only mode which has a range of 30 miles. Put Eco mode on and switch regenerative braking to level five, turn off the aircon, and the audio, and drive gently, and you'll feel mighty pleased about driving an all-electric SUV. I know I did – the damn thing drives like a Lexus for goodness' sake!

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Just be sure to choose the

5 metre recharging cable so it

will stretch from your house to the car and you'll be fine.



THE MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER PHEV: Excellent as a stand-alone Sports Utility Vehicle and an all-electric success story

mode. Where the paddle shifts come in is where you define how much regenerative braking you require – there are five settings for this. For the top setting, as soon as you take your foot off the accelerator you can feel the drag on forward momentum: the kinetic energy generated while braking is being used to recharge the drive battery. More drag = more recharging. Flock the paddle shift on the left in goes up in five stages, the paddle shift on the right turns it down through the five stages until you have zero recharging while slowing down.

If you're a smart learner you will use these paddles a lot as you drive, because it all helps sustain the electric-only mode which has a range of 30 miles. Put Eco mode on and switch regenerative braking to level five, turn off the aircon, and the audio, and drive gently, and you'll feel mighty pleased about driving an all-electric SUV. I know I did – the damn thing drives like a Lexus for goodness' sake!

Just be sure to choose the 5 metre recharging cable so it will stretch from your house to the car and you'll be fine.



factfile

Model: Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV GX4h

Price: £32,899 (after £5k grant)

Top speed: 106mph

0-62mph: 11 seconds

Economy: 148mpg

Emissions: 44g/km



REGENERATIVE BRAKING: The dial on the left goes from blue, left, to green, centre, to white – depending on your driving style. Below: the cavernous flat boot, gearstick and seats-up interior



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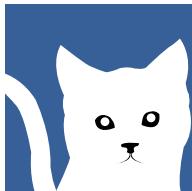
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New Croft set for next development

A 3G playing surface is set to give more opportunities to the footballers of Haverhill as the next stage of development at the New Croft takes shape.

Haverhill Community Sports Association (HCSA) are pushing ahead with a £600,000 project to install the floodlit artificial surface at the Chalkstone Way venue, and hope to have it in use by next year.

It will be installed on what is currently the training pitch at the New Croft, allowing tenants Haverhill Rovers to expand what they can offer to the community.

From having 12 teams when they moved to the ground five years ago, Rovers expect to have 35 teams at all age groups by the 2016/17 season.

The town's other team, Haverhill Borough, also use the ground and with the nearest 3G pitch currently eight miles away in Linton, there is a need for a facility in the town.

"When we first came here, people may have thought it was just going to be for a senior football club, but now they're realising it's for the community," said HCSA facilities manager and football development officer Peter Betts.

"There is a provision for football at this site for children who are three years old all the way up to 65 years old, male and female."

"We've got good links with the schools where we deliver projects,

Football

but more importantly it is used as a community hub."

The New Croft is not just used for sport, but for slimming groups, trade and business fairs, weddings and birthday parties, as well as the boardroom being hired out for meetings.

Samuel Ward Academy already benefit from being next door, offering a post-16 academy which provides students routes into football, education and employment.

Alongside Rovers' work with partner clubs in surrounding villages, Betts is eager to expand their reach into primary schools and believes the 3G pitch will help with that aim.

"We do school league festivals on site here, but as you can imagine in the winter on grass pitches, it is hard and you're cancelling the fixtures," said Betts.

"Young people look forward to playing and you hate to have to break their hearts when it's a waterlogged pitch."

"They don't really understand, but next year we'll be able to play 52 weeks of the year, no matter what."

Half of the project is being funded by the Football Foundation, Football Stadia Improvement Fund and the Premier League, with HCSA currently in negotiations with partners to secure the rest.

They are confident those negotia-



Development: The 3G surface will replace the New Croft training pitch (right)

tions will be completed soon and Betts is excited by the various initiatives that are in the pipeline for once the pitch is installed.

"There are big plans to run Monday night leagues and social inclusion projects, which we can link into the police to help reduce anti-social behaviour, which we'd like to do," said Betts.

"We haven't had the facility to do that, but having a floodlit facility can accommodate young people and people who need opportunities, and also provide exit routes into employment and maybe coaching and volunteer roles internally."

"There are so many opportunities which are going to come from it."

Jay wraps up sixth Singles Cup triumph with final victory

Pool

However, Jay was denied in two other competitions by Matt Skelton, who finished top of the Division One individual standings and was part of the winning Doubles Cup team.

Skelton beat Jay in a deciding play-off for top spot in the highest player rankings and then linked up with Woolpack team-mate Ed Mercer to beat Jay and Matt Hoadley, of Barny Army, in the

Doubles Cup.

Barny Army enjoyed a good season in the team competitions though, winning Division One, the League Cup and Division One Cup.

Rose & Crown A were runners-up in the League Cup, while Bull A had to settle for second in Division One and the Division One Cup.

HESMC won Division Two and the League Plate, but were beaten by division one plate runners-up Suffolk Punch Zeds in the Division

Two Cup final.

Home At Last beat fellow Woolpack team Skelton, Dick, Porridge in the Threes Cup and Bull's Will Kingsbury won the Captains' Cup.

Woolpack beat Barny Army in the Fox Doubles Cup, Harry Ripp was Division Two's highest-ranked individual player and Mercer had the most eight-ball clearances, beating Woolpack team-mate Dick Lee in a play-off.

CHRIS Jay was crowned Haverhill Thursday Pool League Singles Cup champion after victory at the league's finals and presentation night.

It was Jay's sixth Singles Cup triumph in the past nine years and this time he beat Charlie Ripp 3-0 to lift the trophy.

Ripp, 17, is only in his second season of playing and had beaten several experienced opponents to reach the final, but had no answer to Jay.

Golf

Strong Firman show secures Challenge win

LEE Firman was the winner of a high-scoring competition when Haverhill held their July IFF Challenge.

Firman scored 44 points to take victory in the tournament, as well as winning Division Three.

Lewis Whiting produced an exceptional round which included seven birdies on his way to winning Division One with 40.

Jake Warner won Division Two on countback from Bob Campbell after both scored 40, and Stuart Haworth was third on 39.

Frank Gooch took a six-shot victory in the men's medal after carding nett 62, winning Division Two in the process.

Eamonn Bareham won Division One on 68, with Barlett beating Gerry Scott on countback after both went round in 69, and Chris Beirns was the Division Three winner.

Anna Reed recorded an impressive triumph in the ladies' Saturday stableford with a winning score of 45.

Linda Alexander won the midweek stableford with her score of 43, finishing three clear of Jackie Condon.

Fiona Stokes won the juniors' Waddup Windows Trophy stableford competition, scoring 26.

Haverhill ladies bowed out of the Cranworth Cup after a 6½-2½ defeat against Ufford Park in the quarter-finals, but drew their friendly against Girton.

Matthew and Peter Russell won the team section of Haverhill social committee's Foxes & Rabbits competition, with a combined medal score of 40.

The format required a golfer (fox) to play the shots to the green and a non-golfer (rabbit) to putt out, and was played over 10 holes.

In the individual competitions, Jason West was the winning 'fox' with 17 and Emily Walker was the leading 'rabbit' on countback with 21 putts.

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